

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2016 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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Inspection Date: June 3, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): January 27, 2016
April 13, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 27, 2016
June 8, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 20th annual evaluation of the Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Knox
Governing authority	Children and Family Services Corporation
Name of facility administrator	Terrie Decker
Detention facility’s mission	Our mission is to educate, assist and advocate for vulnerable children and families.
Rated capacity	80
Population on date of audit	17
Average daily population for the last 12 months	20
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	13 days
Year the building was built	1995

Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Shower were sandblasted and re-coated
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	Replaced water heater
De-escalation techniques training	Handle with Care; Trauma-Informed Care
Physical force techniques training	Handle with Care
Chemical agents permitted	No
Name of food service provider	Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village
Name of food service supervisor	Joshua Clements
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Beth Myers, RN
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Kara Klemann, LCSW

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann
File Review of the 16 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	Sleeping rooms and day room areas were in need of fresh paint. All areas of the detention center, including the youth dorm, were clean and organized. Sanitation was found to be above standard.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four youth, two males and two females, all with two or more previous detention stays, were interviewed. • All youth reported without hesitation feeling safe. • Youth provided no complaints or recommendations.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullet point the proof of practice documents with corresponding part of the standard.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 1/27/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Knox County / Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village by Chance Sweat. Youth were observed participating in education. The facility population count was 25. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the facility sanitation level was above average.

On 4/13/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Knox County / Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Barb Tilly, Mrs. Decker and Lori Graham. Youth was observed participating in education. The facility population count was 12. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the facility sanitation level was above average.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Knox County / Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/27/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The education program is an accredited school, operating year round with one month of half days in the summer. An instructional day is six hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program, or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher for detention. However, the detention program has access to the following additional staff: four full-time teachers, one principal, one administrative assistant, one dean of students, one full-time aide and one part-time aide.

The Knox County / Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 6/8/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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